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Subject: Re: "Seeking Lowdown on Cybersmut..."

Mr. Capps,

I m Responding to your Sept. 16th article in Crain s Chicago Business.

The last thing I desire is more bureaucracy , laws, and government intervention; however I would like to point out what happened to TV:

1939: TV introduced at World s Fair

1945: Similar to internet proponents it is said "[TV] will be able to inform, educate, and entertain an entire nation with magical speed and vividness." Paul Pote FCC Chairman

1961: TV labeled "vast wasteland" by FCC Chairman Newton Minow.

1990: The average American child watches more than 1000 rapes, murders, armed robberies, and assaults each year.

1995: Over 1000 ongoing studies show a "significant link" between "heavy exposure to TV violence and subsequent aggressive behavior." Also, Newton

Minow in his new book "Abandon in the Wasteland" says "If I had it to do all over again, I would concentrate every effort on improving children s TV If I had it to do over again, that s where I would draw the battle line."

Cyberspace, with all it s potential could sadly become 10 times the "wasteland" TV has become. Therefore, I would "vote for the internet industry to be given a clear set of objectives and criteria to help parents and teachers keep smut and pornography away from children. If the industry can t accomplish the "well defined" objectives and criteria by a specific deadline, then I m in favor of the FCC setting up a new Internet division, stepping in, drawing a "battle line", and laying down laws. I also would favor taxing internet providers to pay for this service.

I would like to suggest getting the 14 page brochure titled "CHILD SAFETY ON THE INFORMATION HIGHWAY" from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children at 1-800-THE-LOST.

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**From:** UNO::MKD98 19-SEP-1995 19:38:03.07  
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The government must toughen the Children's Television Act. Children spend many hours of quality time at viewing television. It would be a needed bonus if children were learning things that could enhance their educational experience. I believe that a regulatory board should be placed in control of all television programming for children. Children's programs should be viewed by this board and screened for their educational content. The board should then compile a massive listing of these programs that would then be submitted to the networks. The networks and their affiliates would need to choose the programs which they like and air them for at least an average of 10 hours a week. I am certain that if networks were given these listings of attractive and educational programs that children would tune in to watch them.

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**YES .. by all means toughen the Childrens Television Act or we  
citizens deserve a new FCC Board and Congress.**

What's wrong with giving all adults the absolute right to see any and  
all pornographic and violent movies in their own home .. on their  
very own tapes...via VCR. Then we give them rights to any media.

**BUT .. the airwaves are for every one .. kids, adults, etc and as such,  
the majority should rule on what should be shown. Since children have  
access to the same air waves, they should be privileged to see what is  
favorable to their (and our) air waves...their actions favorable to us.**

**THE federal government is charged with making the streets of America  
safe haven for its citizens. Then .. the Federal Government should  
be attending to the Consitutional rights of its citizens...and MOST of  
US Citizens want safe streets .. no pornography.**

**MOST of us know what TV is doing to the children of America..And I as  
a parent knew that years ago. Why verify now what years have taught us  
about influencing children. No new studies are needed.**

What one does in his own house .. in his own bedroom .. is his to reap  
but when such events come out of the home to injure others, then that  
person is subject to the laws of the majority.

Whats the delay? **implement it now.**

You as publishers bear great responsibility for what is happening.

(vs. News)  
Sincerely,

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Subject: Regulating Children's Programming

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Yes, regulate! For too many years the FCC has assumed that "marketplace forces" would take care of both quality and quantity of children's programs. It is clear that has not happened. The market has gone too far with the glorification of violence. And although there are some excellent programs for children, there are not enough of them. Even cartoons are too violent. Our children spend more time watching TV than they spend doing any other outside-of-school activity. Let's be responsible. The industry isn't.

Regulate the level of violence in children's programs, in prime time programs as well. Commercial interest and public service are incompatible, as is obvious. Yes, define the concept "educational" more explicitly, much more narrowly. - The expansion of commercials into full programs for children is deceptive, misleads, and is a cynical abuse of children's gullibility. Regulate the amount of time that can be spent advertising in children's programs. - Thanks for the opportunity to give my views.

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